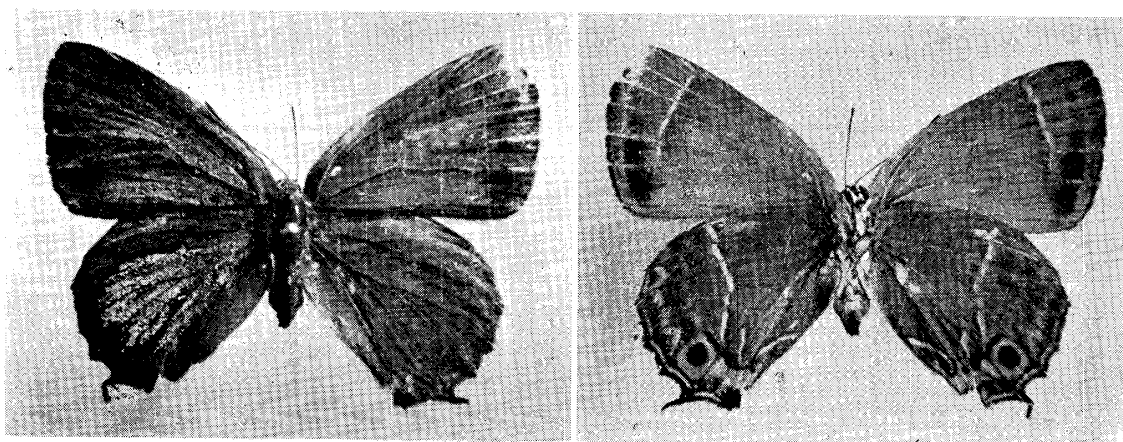


On a Gynandromorph of *Neozephyrus taxila japonicus* MURRAY

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On 19th June 1955, a gynandromorph of Lycaenid butterfly, *Neozephyrus taxila japonicus* MURRAY, was captured at Kokawa-chō, Wakayama Pref., by Mr. MASAO NAKATANI. Up to the present day, the specimen of this kind was unknown on paper. (According to Mr. KEI HAYASHI, a gynandromorph of this species was collected at Mt. Iizuna near Nagano city some years ago by Mr. HUMIO YAMAGUCHI, but it seems that the specimen is missing.)

To my regret, the specimen which I have now is rather imperfect.



Upper Side

Under Side

In right wings, the upper side has female colour of AB-type; ground colour is dark brown, with a faint orange marking in both the third and fourth cells and a patch of bluish-purple occupying the whole of the 1b and discoidal cells.

In left, the fore wing has male colour mixed with AB-type marking of the female, viz. widely metallic green, except for the orange marking and imperfect blue patch. But the green scales are not much developed, and the outer black margin is a little wider and extends to the central in the third, fifth and sixth cells. The hind wing is perfect male.

The under side cannot distinguish the sex. And I do not observe any other difference between this specimen and the typical one of this species, except the individual variations.

The antenna and the fore legs are female form and the genitalia are, I understand, female at sight. This specimen is now in my possession.

I wish to express my whole-hearted thanks to Mr. MASAO NAKATANI who gave me this specimen, and to Mr. KEI HAYASHI and Mr. MICHIO YOSHISAKA who showed me the past record of the gynandromorph.

比叡山にてシラホシアシブトガを採集す。

本年8月20日、比叡山(滋賀県側)阪本ケーブル、山上駅附近にて燈火採集中シラホシアシブトガ *Achaea melicerta* DRURY 1頭を採集した。日本昆虫図鑑

(p. 768)によると、本種の分布は九州、小笠原、沖縄、台湾、東南洋、比島、ビルマ、印度、濠洲であつて、本州としては新しい採集記録でないかと考えるので報告する。  
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